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PASS SECRETARY OF COMMERCE DENT FROM AMBASSADOR

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: OVIP, YO (DENT, FREDERICK B.)

SUBJECT: POSSIBLE VISIT OF SECRETARY DENT TO YUGOSLAVIA

1. YOU WILL RECALL THAT AT LUNCH WHICH YOU KINDLY HOSTED IN WASHINGTON WE DISCUSSED POSSIBILITY OF YOUR INCLUDING VISIT TO YUGOSLAVIA IN APRIL TRIP TO EUROPE.

2. ON MY RETURN TO BELGRADE, I LEARNED THAT AMB GRANFIL HAS ALERTED GOY TO THIS POSSIBILITY. FOREIGN SECRETARIAT TOLD US GREATLY WELCOMES PROSPECT OF YOUR VISIT AND HAS ALREADY BEGUN PRELIMINARY PREPARATIONS. FOR FOLLOWING REASONS I DO HOPE YOU WILL BE ABLE TO SPEND TWO OR THREE DAYS WITH US IN MID-APRIL OR SHORTLY THEREAFTER.

3. YOUR VISIT WOULD CLOSELY FOLLOW OR COINCIDE WITH (A) PROCESS OF FINALIZING ARRANGEMENTS FOR CONSTRUCTION BY WESTINGHOUSE OF YUGOSLAVIA'S FIRST NUCLEAR POWER PLANT AT KRSKO-PROBABLY LARGEST SINGLE US EXPORT TRANSACTION HERE EVER; (B) FIVE FAIRLY SIZEABLE NEW US-YUGOSLAV JOINT VENTURES; INCLUDING DOW CHEMICAL CO RECORD INVESTMENT IN NEW ZAGREB POLYSTYRENE PLANT; AND (C) SUCCESSFUL CURRENT EFFORT TO ORGANIZE NEW YUGOSLAV-AMERICAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, INCLUDING MEMBERSHIP BY OVER 100 LEADING YUGOSLAV ENTERPRISES.

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4. WHILE QUESTIONABLE THAT KRSKO CONTRACT WILL BE READY FOR

SIGNATURE MID-APRIL, NONETHELESS YOUR VISIT TO KRSKO WOULD BE WELCOME OCCASION FOR HIGHLIGHTING US ROLE IN THIS TOP-PRIORITY YUGOSLAV PROJECT. SUITABLE CEREMONY WOULD UNDOUBTEDLY BE ARRANGED FOR YOUR VISIT BY REPUBLICAN GOVERNMENTS OF SLOVENIA AND CROATIA, FEDERAL AUTHORITIES AND YUGOSLAV ELECTRIC ENTERPRISES.

5. WE ALSO ENVISAGE YOUR PARTICIPATION IN ACTIVITIES MARKING IMPORTANT NEW JOINT VENTURES AND/OR OPENING OF NEW YUGOSLAV-AMERICAN CHAMBER IN BELGRADE.

6. FINALLY YOUR VISIT WOULD PROVIDE VALUABLE OPPORTUNITY TO RESUME CABINET-LEVEL DISCUSSIONS OF LAST OCTOBER ON PROMOTION OF FURTHER GROWTH IN US-YUGOSLAV ECONOMIC COOPERATION. TALKS WITH SIROTKOVIC, LUDVIGER AND SMOLE, AND ATTENTION THESE WOULD RECEIVE IN GOVERNMENT, PRESS AND PUBLIC WOULD HELP DEMONSTRATE US INTEREST IN EXPANDING BILATERAL ECONOMIC RELATIONS; POINT WAY TO FURTHER ADVANCES IN TRADE AND JOINT VENTURES; AND ENCOURAGE YUGOSLAVS TO TAKE CONSTRUCTIVE POSITIONS IN FORTHCOMING MULTILATERAL NEGOTIATIONS ON TRADE AND ENERGY.

7. PLEASE LET ME KNOW WHETHER VISIT TO YUGOSLAVIA FEASIBLE FOR YOU, AND DATES, SO THAT WE CAN GO AHEAD WITH PLANNING OF REWARDING PROGRAM.
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